

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following notice of allowance is in response to the amendment received on May 26, 2009.

Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for Claims 1 and 17-20 is stated below.

Regarding independent Claims 1, the prior art of record failed to teach: a third extraction step of extracting, based on third image data, third feature information indicating a feature of the third image data; a second transmission step of transmitting, from the data processing apparatus to the server apparatus, the detected identification information, the extracted second feature information, and the extracted third feature information; wherein the registered first feature information is replaced by the transmitted third feature information in a case where the transmitted second feature information is confirmed successfully.

The remaining claims are allowed accordingly due to their dependencies on the independent claims.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MING HON whose telephone number is (571)270-5245. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon- Fri 7:30 to 5:00 EST; 1st Friday Off.

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